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For: TRANSMISSION COMPONENT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND TAPERED ROLLER BEARING		

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The reference **6,309,475 B1** was cited in a European application search report and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the European Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The references **US 2007/0151633 A1** and **US 2003/0063829 A1** were cited in a U.S. application office action and their relevance is discussed therein. A copy of the U.S. Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information.

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